



**FLUORIDATION
POSITION STATEMENT
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION NEW JERSEY SECTION**

April 24, 2009, Ridgewood, NJ—The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is the premier organization representing the water supply industry in the U.S. and throughout North America. The New Jersey Section of AWWA (AWWA NJ) counts among its members the leading municipal and investor-owned water suppliers throughout the state as well as numerous professional organizations, individuals and suppliers that have dedicated themselves to the provision of safe, reliable drinking water supplies for the residents of our great state.

POSITION:

- **AWWA NJ is opposed to state-mandated fluoridation that would override local decisions regarding the addition of fluoride to community public drinking water supplies.**
- **Subject to local decision-making processes, AWWA NJ believes that when fluoridation of public water supplies is practiced, it should be done in a manner consistent with safe, effective and reliable delivery practices and within limits prescribed by public health officials and other regulatory agencies.**
- **Fluoridation of water supply systems presents significant capital and operations costs for public utility ratepayers. Local-or state-level decision making should include a review of the costs, delivery efficiency, impact to the environment, and the benefits and risks versus other targeted methods to meet dental health goals.**
- **AWWA's (National) position on fluoridation is summarized in its Statement of Policy revised in 2007: "AWWA supports the application of fluoride in a safe, effective, and reliable manner that includes adequate monitoring and control of fluoride levels within limits mandated by provincial, state and federal laws and that is subject to community acceptance through applicable local-decision making."**

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